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## Virtual Public Information Forums and Public Statement Hearings Set Regarding Proposed Transmission Line

**ALBANY** — The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold two virtual public information forums on **Tuesday**, **May 2**, **2023**, and two public statement hearings on **Wednesday**, **May 3**, **2023**, regarding Anbaric Development Partners, LLC's (Anbaric), September 8, 2022, application to construct, own, and operate the New York State components of the Juno Power Express Electric Transmission Facility (the project).

The proposed project would import power produced by an offshore wind generator constructed in federal waters of the Atlantic Ocean into the New York transmission system at the Long Island Power Authority Ruland Road Substation in the Town of Huntington, Suffolk County. More specifically, the project would consist of: (1) a high voltage direct current (HVDC) submarine cable and a submarine fiber optic cable extending approximately 7.7 miles in New York State waters with landfall at Jones Beach State Park; (2) approximately 17.9 miles of terrestrial HVDC underground cable and fiber optic cable; (3) underground transition vaults; (4) a temporary gravity cell at landfall to facilitate horizontal directional drilling installation; (5) a converter station that will convert power from HVDC to high voltage alternating current (HVAC); and (6) approximately 0.6 miles of HVAC underground land cable connecting the converter station to the point of interconnection at the Ruland Road Substation.

Prior to beginning construction of the project, Anbaric must first obtain a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need from the Commission pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law. Under New York State Law, the Commission may adopt or reject Anbaric's proposal, in whole or part, or modify it. In doing so, the Commission will consider input from the participating parties and the general public. An Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) is presiding over the gathering of public comments and all evidence related to the project. As indicated below, public information forums and public statement hearings will be held to obtain comments from the public concerning Anbaric's proposal.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that **Information Forums** will be held virtually before ALJ Michael Clarke. At the Information Forums, trial staff of the Department of Public Service will provide an overview of the Commission's certification process. Anbaric will then present a brief summary of the project, after which members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions about the process and the application pending before the Commission. The **information forums** will be held as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, May 2, 2023

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

Electronic Access: www.webex.com

**Event Number: 2335 889 9630** 

Password: may2-1pm

Phone-Only Access: 518-549-0500

Access Code: 2335 889 9630

DATE: Tuesday, May 2, 2023

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

**Electronic Access: www.webex.com** 

**Event Number: 2331 193 6683** 

Password: May2-5pm

**Phone-Only Access:** 518-549-0500

**Access Code:** 2331 193 6683

**To participate electronically:** On the day of the forums, participants should visit www.webex.com, click "Join" at the top right-hand corner of the screen, and input the appropriate event number for the forum. Participants will be asked to input their names – please input your first name and last name as this will assist the ALJ in addressing questions during the forum. Participants will also be asked to "select audio systems." It is recommended that participants choose to have the system "call me" or "call using computer." The "call me" option will require entry of the participant's phone number. Participants should log in a few minutes before the forum is scheduled to begin.

**To participate by phone:** Any participant who is not able to log in to a forum electronically may participate by phone. On the day of the forum, dial (518) 549-0500 and enter the appropriate access code, listed above, to join the forum.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that opportunities for **public comment** regarding Anbaric's request will be provided as follows:

DATE: Wednesday, May 3, 2023

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

**Electronic Access: www.webex.com** 

**Event Number:** 2347 062 2162

Password: may3-1pm

**Phone-Only Access:** 518-549-0500

**Access Code:** 2347 062 2162

DATE: Wednesday, May 3, 2023

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

Electronic Access: www.webex.com

**Event Number:** 2341 226 6541

Password: May3-5pm

**Phone-Only Access:** 518-549-0500

Access Code: 2341 226 6541

Any person wishing to provide a public statement on the record at the hearings must preregister to do so by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2023.

**To pre-register and provide a statement electronically:** Participants who would like to provide a statement and will log in to a hearing electronically must pre-register by the date and time indicated above, by visiting www.webex.com, where they should click "Join" at the top right-hand corner of the screen, enter the appropriate event number listed above, and provide all requested information.

When logging in on the date and time of the hearing, participants will be asked to "select audio system." It is recommended that participants opt to have the system "call me" or "call using computer." The "call me" option will require that participants enter their phone numbers.

**To pre-register and provide a statement by phone:** Any participant who is not able to log in to the hearings electronically may participate by phone. Call-in participants wishing to provide a statement must pre-register by the date and time indicated above by calling 1-800-342-3330, where they should follow prompts to the appropriate hearing and provide the following information: first name and last name, address, and phone number.

On the date and time of the hearing, all call-in participants should dial 518-549-0500 and enter the appropriate access code listed above.

The public statement hearings will be held open until everyone who has registered to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements to submit comments into the record have been made. Time limits may be set for each speaker, as necessary. It is recommended that lengthy comments be submitted in writing and summarized for oral presentation. A verbatim transcript of the public statement hearings will be made for inclusion in the record of this case.

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should call the Department of Public Service's Human Resources Management Office at 518-474-2520 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Department at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this notice.

## **Other Ways to Comment**

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at the public statement hearings, there are several other ways to provide your comments. Comments should refer to "Case 22-T-0157." **Although comments will be accepted throughout the course of this proceeding, they are requested on or before June 2, 2023.** 

**Internet or Mail:** Go to www.dps.ny.gov, click on "File Search" (located under the "Commission Files" heading), enter "22-T-0157" in the "Search by Case Number" field, and then click on "Post Comments" at the top of the page.

Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York, 12223-1350. All written comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission and may be accessed on the Department of Public Service website by searching the case number, as described above, and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab.

**Toll-Free Opinion Line:** You may call the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to take comments about pending cases from in-State callers 24-hours a day. These comments are not transcribed verbatim, but a summary is provided to the Commission.